

From: bsmith@wt6.usdoj.gov@inetgw
To: Microsoft ATR
Date: 11/17/01 2:10pm
Subject: Publish the file formats

Please protect American consumers and businesses from the Microsoft monopoly. As a business owner, I am all too aware of the cost of maintaining compatibility with the .DOC, .XLS, and .PPT formats. The money I give to Microsoft would be better spent hiring engineers, sales, and admin staff.

Please force Microsoft to publish all file formats. Please prevent Microsoft from releasing new software until the file formats have been publicly available for 6 months. The term "publish" should include all embedded images and ancillary protocols. The goal should be to allow a competitor to read and write a true .DOC (etc.) file.

thank you
Bob Smith
President, Fourelle Systems, Inc.
Santa Clara, CA